# CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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| **Title of publication:** | .thumbdata3--1967290299_embedded_1546.jpg |
| **Other known title(s):** | Not stated |
| **OFLC ref:** | 1600756.008 |
| **Medium:** | Computer Image File |
| **Publisher:** | Not stated |
| **Country of origin:** | New Zealand |
| **Language:** | Not applicable |
| **Applicant:** | Commissioner of Police |
| **Classification:** | Objectionable. |
| **Descriptive note:** | None |
| **Display conditions:** | None |
| **Date of entry in Register:** | 11 November 2016 |
| **Date of direction to issue a label:** | No direction to issue a label has been issued |
| **Date of notice of decision:** | 09 November 2016 |

**Summary of reasons for decision:**

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The image is a small, explicit close-up of a teenage girl's genital area. The sole focus of the image is on the girl's sexual characteristics and its only purpose is sexual arousal. The continued availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of a sexual interest in young people and perpetuates the sexual exploitation of the girl involved. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.